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1. UPON HIS RECENT RETURN TO ETHIOPIA, MARC SCOTT OF PROJECT HOPE LEARNED THERE SOME QUESTION AMONG IEG OFFICIALS OF WHETHER NON-MOVABLE FACILITIES AND SCREENED NIVABLE ITEMS WHICH USG PREPARED TURN OVER TO IEG FOR HOPE'S USE WILL IN FACT MEET PROJECT HOPE'S REQUIREMENTS. REPORTEDLY, IEG CONCERNED IT MAY HAVE TO EXPEND UNPLANNEDNRESOJOCES PRO-CURE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR HOPE. ACCORDING SCOTT, MINISTER PUBLIC HEALTH TOLD HIM JANUARY 23 THAT NEGOTIATIONS RE HOPE/IEG AGREEMENT COULD NOT PROCEED FURTHER UNLESS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR PREPARED SEND LETTER TO MININTERIOR OUTLINING USG INTENTIONS RE IMOVABLE PROPERTY ON TRACT E AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT MOVABLE PROPERTY TURNED OVER TO IEG AND NEEDED BY PROJECT HOPE WILL BE MADE AVAIALBLE TO PROJECT HOPE.

2. AS INDICATED REFS AND BY RADM MAGLER DURING RECENT VISIT, IT IMPERATIVE IEG MAKE DECISION RE HOP AND SIGN AGREEMENT ASAP. WE CONTINUE THINK PROJECT HOPE'S TAKEOVER KAGNEW HOSPITAL IN BEST INTEREST USG AND WISH SEND LETTER TO ALLAY CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ABBREVIATED VERSION OF LETTER I PROPOSE SEND TO MININTERIOR FOLLOWS.

4. QUOTE DURING DR. WLASH'S VISIT TO ETH*OPIA I OCTOBER, EMPEROR EXPRESSED TO WALSHQLND ME HIS INTEREST AND DESIRE THAT PROJECT HOPE OPERATE KAGNEW HOSPITAL AFTER US MILITARY DEPARTURE IN JUNE 1974. MINPUBLIC HEALTH CONFIRMED IEG'S INVITATION TO PROJECT HOPE TO RUN ASMARA HOSPITAL IN LETTER TO WALSH OF OCTOBER 25, 1973. HOWEVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT BEFORE COMPLETING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE IEG AND PROJECT HOPE, THE IEG WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A FAILRLY SPECIFIC INDICATION OF THE USG'S INTENTIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IN TRACT E TO THE IEG.

5. THE USG HAS BEEN CONSULTING WITH PROJECT HOPE RE TRACT E FACILITIES WHICH IT WOULD REQUIRE AND WHICH USG INTENDS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO IEG. WHILE PROPERTY DISPOSAL PROCESS FOR TRACT E WILL NOT BE COMPLETED FOR SOME TIME, THE USG PLANS TO TURN OVER TO IEG MANY OF THE PERMANENT STRUCTURES AND FURNISHING IN TRACT E. THESE INCLUDE HOSPITAL (EQUIPPED), LAUNDRY (EQUIPPED), HOUSING UNITS (FURNISHED), ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS (WITH OFFICE EQUIPMENT), RESTAURANT FACILITIES, ETC. THOSE FACILITIES ON TRACT E WHICH DOD CONTRACOTR WILL CONTROL AND OPERATE HAVE NOW BEEN GENERALLY DETERMINED. USG REQUIREMENT OF CERTAIN OTHER FACILITIES, SUCH AS SCHOOL, HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED AND IT POSSIBLE THAT THESE MAY ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO IEG.

6. WITH REGARD TO MOVABLE PROPERTY, THE USG HOPES THAT ALL THE MOVABLE PEOPERTY WHICH IT TURNS OVER TO THE IEG AND WHICH IS NEEDED BY PROJECT HOPE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROJECT HOPE. IT BELIEVES THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE CON-SISTENT WITH THE DISCUSSION REGARDING PROJECT HOPE WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN H.I.M AND MYSELF.

7. INASMUCH AS IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE USG TO MAKE MANY DECISIONS REGARDING THE PHASEDOWN OF KAGNEW UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT NEOGITIATIONS BETWEEN THE IEG AND PROJECT HOPE, I HOPE THAT THE INFORMATION I HAVE SUPPLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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ABOVE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE RAPID CONCLUSION OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. I WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT FURTHER AT YOUR EARLY CONVENIENCE, IF YOU DEEM IT MECESSARY. UNQUOTE.

8. CONCURRENCE REQUESTED.
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